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Ad Universi Terrarum Orbis Summi
Architecti Gloriam.

AD UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS SUMMI

ARCHITECTI GLORIAM.

VERA INSTITUTA SECRETA ET FUNDAMENTA
ORDINIS

VETERUM-STRUCTORUM-LIBERORUM-AGGREGATORUM

ATQUE

CONSTITUTIONES MAGNÆ

ANTIQUI-ACCEPTI-RITUS,

ANNI MDCCLXXXVI.

EVULGATA AUSPICIIS SUPREMI CONCILII

PRO JURISDICTIONE ANGLIÆ ET CAMBRIÆ TERRARUMQUE CORONÆ

BRITANNICÆ DEPENDENTIUM.

ANNO MDCCCLIX.

AD UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS SUMMI
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THE TRUE SECRET INSTITUTES AND BASES
OF

THE ORDER

OF ANCIENT FREE AND ASSOCIATED MASONS,

AND

THE GRAND CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE ANCIENT-ACCEPTED RITE,

OF THE YEAR 1786.

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NOVA INSTITUTA SECRETA ET FUNDAMENTA,

ANTIQUISSIMÆ, VENERANDISSIMÆQUE SOCIETATIS
VETERUM-STRUCTORUM-LIBERORUM-AGGREGATORUM,
QUÆ REGIUS AC MILITARIS
LIBERÆ-ARTIS-FABRICÆ-LAPIDARIÆ ORDO VOCATUR.

*Nos, FREDERICUS, Dei gratiâ, Rex Borussiae,
Margravius Brandenburgi, etc., etc., etc. :*

*Supremus Magnus Protector, Magnus Commendator,
Magnus Magister Universalis, et Conservator anti-
quissimæ et venerabilis Societatis Veterum-Liberorum-
Aggregatorum-Structorum vel Latomorum seu Regalis
et Militaris ORDINIS Liberæ-Artis-Fabricæ-Lapi-
dariæ vel Liberæ-Latomix :*

ILLUSTRIBUS ET DILECTIS FRATRIBUS
PRÆSENTES INSPECTURIS :

Tolerantiam, Unionem, Prosperitatem.

Quod compertum et exploratum ipsi Nos habemus,
conservantia et summa Officia quæ pacti sumus cum
antiquissimâ reverendissimâque Institutione notâ ævo
nostro, sub nomine *Liberæ-Artis-Fabricæ-Lapidariæ-*



THE NEW SECRET INSTITUTES AND BASES

OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND MOST WORSHIPFUL
SOCIETY OF ANCIENT AND ASSOCIATED FREE-
MASONS, WHICH IS STYLED THE ROYAL
AND MILITARY ORDER OF THE
FREE ART OF WORKING
IN STONE.

*We, FREDERIC, by the grace of God, King of
Prussia, Margrave of Brandenburg, etc., etc., etc. :*

*Supreme Grand Protector, Grand Commander,
Universal Grand Master, and Defender of the most
ancient and honourable Society of Ancient Free and
Associated Masons or Builders, or of the Royal and
Military ORDER of the Free Art of Working in
Stone, or of Free-Masonry :*

TO ALL ILLUSTRIOUS AND BELOVED
BRETHREN TO WHOM THESE PRE-
SENTS SHALL COME,

Toleration, Union, Prosperity.

We hold it to be certain and undeniable that the
high duty of protection which we have assumed
towards the most ancient and worshipful Institution,
known in this age as the *Fraternity of the Free Art*

Fraternitatis aut ORDINIS VETERUM-STRUCTORUM-LIBERORUM-AGGREGATORUM, fecerunt, quod notum est omnibus, ut illam nostrâ speciali sollicitudine tutaremur.

Hæc universalis Institutio, quæ originem à societatis humanæ origine ducit, est pura in dogmate et doctrinâ, sapiens, prudens et moralis in disciplinis, exercitationibus, consiliis ac rationibus, et fine insigniter philosophico, sociali et humano se præsertim commendat; hujusce societatis finis hic est: Concordia, Felicitas, Progressus, Commoda humani generis generatim sumpti, et particulariter uniuscujusque hominis: igitur omni spe et operâ, constanti animo uti debet, ut ad eum exitum, quem solum se dignum profitetur, perveniat.

Sed, progrediente ætate, organorum compositio priscique regiminis unitas graviter adulteratæ sunt magnis eversionibus rerumque mutationibus quæ mundi statum everterunt aut alternis vicibus immutârunt, et quæ priscos Structores, diversis antiquorum nostrûmque temporum periodis, in varias orbis partes sparserunt. Hic dispersus sejunctiones operatus est, quæ sub RITUM nomine hodiè vigent et quorum conjunctio ORDINEM componit.

Sed divisiones aliæ primis ex divisionibus ortæ, novis societatibus constituendis locum dederunt, et plurimis nulla alia cum *Liberâ-Arte-Fabricæ-Lapidariæ* est communitas, præter nomen aliasque formulas à fundatoribus servatas ut tegerent consilia secreta, sæpè

of Working in Stone, or THE ORDER OF FREE AND ASSOCIATED MASONS, has caused us, as is known to all men, to guard it with the most scrupulous care.

That universal Institution, whose origin goes back to the origin of human society, is pure in dogma and doctrine; wise, prudent and moral in its teachings, its practice, its purposes, and its measures; and especially commends itself by its philosophical, social and humane design. For that design is the Harmony, the Happiness, the Progress, and the Well-being of the Human Family as a whole, and of every man as an individual: wherefore it should hopefully and with a constant resolution use every exertion to attain to that end, which alone it regards as worthy of itself.

But in the progress of time, the organic symmetry of Masonry, and the unity of its primitive regimen have been greatly departed from, by those great commotions and changes in human affairs, that have overturned the world, or disturbed it with constant change; and which, at different periods, in ancient times and in our own, have dispersed the ancient Masons over all the earth. This dispersion has produced systems varying from each other, which still exist and are styled RITES; the aggregate whereof composes THE ORDER.

But still other divisions, springing from the first, caused the constitution of new associations, most of which have nothing whatever in common with the LIBERAL ART OF FREE-MASONRY, except the name and some forms preserved by their founders to keep secret.

exclusoria, aliquandò etiam periculosa et ferè semper principiis doctrinisque sublimibus *Liberæ - Artis-Fabricæ-Lapidariæ*, traditione transmissis, opposita.

Notæ discordiæ novis illis societatibus in ORDINE concitatæ, et per nimium tempus alitæ, illum suspicionibus et diffidentiæ omnium ferè Principum objecerunt, etiâque sævis nonnullorum insectationibus.

Conatibus Structorum virtute præstantium sedatæ fuère discordiæ, et illi omnes, jàm à longo tempore votis exposcunt, ut generaliter in eas consulatur, rationibusque eos reditus impedian, ORDINEMQUE sustineant, illi sui regiminis, organorumque priscae compositionis unitatem, priscamque disciplinam restituendo.

Hæc vota accipiendo, quæ vota Nobis communia sunt à completâ initiatione nostrâ mysteriis *Liberæ-Artis-Fabricæ-Lapidariæ*, Nobis attamen dissimulare potuimus nec numerum, nec naturam, nec veram magnitudinem obstaculorum removendorum ut illa vota persolverentur. De tali re faciendâ rationem inire meditabamur deliberando, cum fratribus sapientissimis et principibus Fraternitatis in omnibus orbis regionibus, de consiliis aptissimis ad utilem illum exitum consequendum, violato nullius arbitrio, nullâ verâ Structorum libertate violatâ, nec opinionum præcipuè, quæ inter omnes libertates prima et sacratissima est atque admodum propensa ad accipiendam offensionem.

their purposes—purposes often exclusive, sometimes dangerous, and almost always opposed to the traditional principles and sublime doctrines of *Free-Masonry*.

The well-known dissensions which those new associations excited and long kept alive in THE ORDER, exposed it to the suspicion and distrust of almost all monarchs, and to the cruel persecutions of some.

By the exertions of those Masons most eminent in virtue, these dissensions have been settled; and all have long and ardently desired that there should be a general consultation in regard thereto; and that the recurrence of like disorders should be prevented, and THE ORDER maintained, by restoring to it the unity of its original regimen, and of the pristine composition of its organs, as well as its ancient discipline.

While sharing these desires, which we have felt from the period when we were fully initiated into the mysteries of *Free-Masonry*, still we could not conceal from ourselves either the number, nature, or true magnitude of the obstacles that must be removed before those desires can be fulfilled. We thought of taking the first step towards effecting the desired object, by taking counsel with the wisest and most eminent members of the Fraternity in every country, as to the measures most suitable to be adopted in order to attain the end desired, without doing violence to the wishes of any one, and in no wise interfering with that liberty that is the heritage of Masons, and especially the right of private judgment, which of all rights is first and most sacred, and most jealous of any encroachment.

Usquè adhuc Regis officia, nobis magis peculiaria, et plurimi gravesque eventus, qui nostri principatûs cursum insignierunt, irritam erga hoc fecerunt nostram voluntatem, et à proposito illo nos deteruerunt. Absolutio perfectioque tam magni, pulchri, æqui ac necessarii operis, ad tempus, prudentiam, cognitionem studiumque fratrum, qui nobis succedent, deinceps pertinent: illud pensum illis relinquimus, præcipimusque ut sine intermissione, leniter ac prudenter dent illi operam.

Attamen recentes ac instantes expositiones quæ ad nos, his proximis temporibus, omnibus ex locis, missæ fuêre, nobis notam reddunt urgentem necessitatem opponendi potentem molem animo intolerantiæ, sectæ, schismatis et anarchiæ, quem inter fratres nuperi novatores adsciscere conantur, spectantes ad consilia plûs minûsve restricta, inconsiderata aut vituperabilia, et oblata sub speciosis rationibus quæ à proposito veram *Artem-Fabricæ-Lapidariæ*, naturam ejus immutando, deflectere, et sic ad contemptionem extinctionemque ORDINIS pervenire possunt. Confitemur Nosmetipsi hanc urgentem necessitatem, edocti omnia quæ in regnis vicinorum hodiè geruntur.

Igitur hæ rationes *aliæque causæ non minoris ponderis* nos impellunt ad colligendum et agglomerandum in unum corpus *Artem-Fabricæ-Lapidariæ* omnes RITUS SCOTICI regiminis, quorum doctrinæ generaliter agnoscuntur esse maximè eadem ac illæ priscae institutiones, quæ eodem tendunt, et quæ,

Hitherto, the duties of the Regal office, that have in an especial manner weighed on us, and the very many and grave events that have marked the course of our reign, have made this our intention ineffectual, and deterred us from its performance. The completion and perfection of so great and beautiful, so just and necessary a work, must needs await the leisure, the wisdom, the knowledge, and the zeal of the brethren who shall come after us. To them we bequeath the task, urging them to labour thereat unintermittedly, but slowly and with a prudent caution.

But recent and urgent representations, which of late have reached us from every quarter, have satisfied us of the urgent necessity of erecting a strong barrier against that spirit of intolerance, sectarianism, schism, and anarchy, which late innovators are busily labouring to introduce among the brethren, aiming at objects more or less narrow, inconsiderate, or reprehensible, and proposed for specious reasons, and which, by changing the nature of the true *Art of Free-Masonry*, necessarily tend to lead it astray, and may thus bring THE ORDER into general contempt and lead to its extinction. And we, advised of what is now passing in the neighbouring kingdoms, cannot but admit the existence of this urgent and pressing necessity.

Wherefore these reasons, *and other considerations of no less weight*, impel us to collect together and unite into one body and *Art of Masonry*, all the RITES of the SCOTTISH regimen, the doctrines whereof are generally acknowledged to be in the main the same as those ancient institutions which tend to a common

cùm sint præcipui rami ejusdem arboris, tantùm inter se differunt formulis, jàm inter multos explanatis, et quas conciliare facile est. Hi RITUS sunt qui agnoscuntur sub nomine *Antiqui, Heredom* aut *Hairdom, Kilwinning Orientis, Sancti-Andreæ, Imperatorum Orientis et Occidentis, Principum-Regii-Secreti* aut *Perfectionis, Philosophiæ*, et RITUS recentissimus, *Primævus* dictus.

IGITUR, acceptum habendo, pro basi nostræ reformationis conservatricis, titulum primi illorum Rituum et numerum graduum hierarchicum ultimi, DECLARAMUS illos omnes jàm nunc conjunctos et agglomeratos in unum solum ORDINEM qui, profitendo dogma et puras doctrinas priscæ *Artis-Fabricæ-Lapidariæ*, complectitur systemata omnia Scotici Ritûs copulata sub titulo RITUS-SCOTICI-ANTIQUI-ACCEPTI.

Doctrina largietur Structoribus in gradibus triginta tribus, in septem Templa aut classes partitis, quos quisque Structor vicissim lustrare tenebitur, antequàm ad sublimissimum ac ultimum perveniat ; ac in quoque gradu, subibit moras et pericula quæ Instituta, Decreta Præscriptaque antiqua ac nova ORDINIS atque *Perfectionis* exigunt.

Primus gradus secundo subjicietur, iste tertio, et sic ex ordine usquè ad sublimem—tertium et trigesimum ac ultimum—qui ad omnes alios advigilabit, illos

centre; and which, while only the main branches of one and the same tree, differ so much from one another in their formulas, now widely diffused, and yet may be so easily reconciled. These RITES are those known under the several names of the *Ancient*, that of *Heredom* or *Hairdom*, that of *the Orient of Kilwinning*, that of *St. Andrew*, that of *the Emperors of the East and West*, that of *the Princes of the Royal Secret*, or of *Perfection*, the *Philosophic Rite*, and that most recent Rite of all, known as the PRIMÆVAL.

WHEREFORE, adopting, as the basis of our conservative reformation, the title of the first of those Rites, and the number of degrees of the hierarchy of the last, WE DO DECLARE them all to be now and henceforth united and aggregated into one single ORDER, which, professing the dogma and the pure and undefiled doctrines of *the Ancient Art of Masonry*, embraces all the systems of the Scottish Rite, united together under the title of THE ANCIENT-ACCEPTED-SCOTTISH-RITE.

The entire doctrine will be communicated to Masons in thirty-three degrees divided into seven Temples, or classes, through all which every Mason must pass in regular succession, before he can arrive at the most sublime and last: and in each degree he will meet such obstructions and undergo such trials, as are required by the Institutes, Decrees, and Regulations, old and new, of the ORDER and of *Perfection*.

The first degree is inferior to the second, that to the third, and so ascending regularly to the Sublime Degree (the thirty-third and last), which watches

redarguet, illisque imperabit, et cujus congregatio aut conventus, MAGNUM-CONCILIUM-SUPREMUM, dogmaticum erit, *Defensor, Conservatorque* ORDINIS, quem gubernabit atque administrabit, ex præsentibus et ex Constitutionibus quæ proximè instituentur.

Omnes gradus Rituum supra agglomeratorum, à primo ad octavum decimum, in gradibus Ritûs *Perfectionis*, ordini suo respondent, et ex suâ analogiâ et similitudine, collocabuntur, et XVIII primos gradus RITUS-SCOTICI-ANTIQUI-ACCEPTI component. Undevigesimus gradus ac tertius et vigesimus gradus Ritûs, qui *Primævus* vocatur, vigesimus ORDINIS erit: vigesimus, ac tertius et vigesimus gradus *Perfectionis*, aut decimus sextus, ac quartus et vigesimus Ritûs *Primævi*, primus et vigesimus, ac octavus et vigesimus ORDINIS erunt. PRINCIPES-REGII-SECRETI, in secundo et trigesimo gradu sese collocabunt, sub SUMMIS-MAGNIS-INSPECTORIBUS-GENERALIBUS, qui gradus tertius et trigesimus, ac ultimus ORDINIS est. Primus et trigesimus gradus *Summos-Judices-Commendatores* habebit; *Summi - Commendatores, Summi-Electi-Equites-Kadosch*, trigesimum gradum component. In tertio et vigesimo, ac quarto et vigesimo, quinto et vigesimo, sexto et vigesimo, septimo et vigesimo, ac nono et vigesimo gradu, *Capita-Tabernaculi, Principes - Tabernaculi, Equites - Serpentis-Ænei, Principes - Gratiæ, Summi - Commendatores-Templi*, et *Summi-Scoti-Sancti-Andrææ* collocabuntur.

over all the others, corrects their errors and governs them ; and a body or assembly whereof will be a GRAND SUPREME COUNCIL absolute in matters of doctrine, *Defender* and *Conservator* of THE ORDER, which it will rule and administer, in accordance with the existing Constitutions, and those presently to be enacted.

All the degrees of all the Rites hereby united, from the first to the eighteenth, inclusive, will be arranged among the degrees of the Rite of *Perfection*, each in its proper place and order, and as analogy and similitude require, and will compose the eighteen first degrees of THE ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE. The nineteenth degree and the twenty-third degree of the *Primæval* Rite, will be the twentieth degree of the ORDER : the twentieth and twenty-third degrees of *Perfection*, as the sixteenth and twenty-fourth of *Primæval* Rite, will be the twenty-first and twenty-eighth of the ORDER : THE PRINCES OF THE ROYAL SECRET will be placed in the thirty-second degree, next below THE SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL, who have the thirty-third and last degree of the ORDER. The thirty-first degree will be that of *Sovereign Judges Commanders* and the *Sovereign Commanders*, *Sovereign Knights Kadosh* will constitute the thirtieth degree. The *Chiefs of the Tabernacle*, the *Princes of the Tabernacle*, the *Knights of the Brazen Serpent*, the *Princes of Mercy*, the *Sovereign Commanders of the Temple* ; and the *Sovereign Ecossais of Saint Andrew* will respectively compose the 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, and 29th degrees.

Eorundem Scotorum Regiminum aggregatorum, omnes sublimes gradus, secundum eorum analogiam, vel identitatem, distributi erunt in classes eorum Ordinis respondententes in Regimine RITUS-SCOTICI-ANTIQUI-ACCEPTI.

Sed nunquàm, neque ullo prætextu, ullus eorum sublimium graduum adsimilari poterit Tertio et Trigesimo et Sublimissimo gradui SUPREMI-MAGNI-INSPECTORIS-GENERALIS, PROTECTORIS, CONSERVATORIS ORDINIS, ultimo ejusdem ANTIQUI-ACCEPTI-SCOTICI-RITUS; nullo in casu poterit quis frui eisdem juribus, prærogativis, privilegiis aut facultatibus quibus eos Inspectores Nos insignimus.

Sic eos instituimus vigore facultatum supremarum et conservatricium.

Utque hoc firmum et inconcussum sit, Jubemus omnibus nostris Dilectis, Strenuis, Excelsisque Equitibus Principibusque Latomis auxiliarem ei manum præbere.

DATUM in Nostrâ regali Sede Berolini, Calendis Maji, Anno Gratiae MDCCLXXXVI, Nostri Regni XLVII°.

Subscriptum,

“ FREDERICUS.”

All the Sublime Degrees of the said several aggregated Scottish Rites, will, according to analogy or identity, be distributed among the classes of their ORDER, which correspond to the Regimen of THE ANCIENT-ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

But never, nor under any pretext whatever, can any one of those sublime degrees be assimilated to the thirty-third and most sublime degree of SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL, PROTECTOR and CONSERVATOR of the ORDER, and the last Degree of the same ANCIENT-ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE: in no case can any other person enjoy those rights, prerogatives, privileges, and powers wherewith We do invest those Inspectors.

And We do so institute them in the activity of such Supreme and Conservative powers.

And to the end that all hereof may remain fixed and unchanged, we do command all our well-beloved, Valiant and Noble Masonic Knights, and Princes to support and maintain the same.

DONE at our Royal Residence in Berlin, this first day of May, in the year of Grace 1786, and of our Reign the 47th.

Signed,

“ FREDERIC.”

Ad Universi Terrarum Orbis Summi Architecti Gloriam.

CONSTITUTIONES ET STATUTA

MAGNORUM SUPREMORUMQUE CONCILIORUM

CONSTANTIUM E MAGNIS GENERALIBUS INSPECTORIBUS, PATRONIS ,
DUCIBUS, CONSERVATORIBUS

ORDINIS XXX^I

ULTIMIQUE GRADUS ANTIQUI-SCOTICI-RITUS-ACCEPTI

ITEM:

R E G U L Æ

REGENDIS OMNIBUS CONSISTORIIS, CONCILIIS, COL-
LEGIIS, CAPITULIS, ALIISQUE SOCIETATIBUS
STRUCTORIIS EORUMDEM CONCILIORUM
JURISDICTIONI SUBJECTIS.

IN NOMINE SANCTISSIMI ET MAGNI ARCHITECTI UNIVERSI.

Ordo ab Chao.

Probante, præsentè, sanciente Augustâ Majestate Frederici (Caroli) Secundi, Borussia Regis, Margravii Brandenburgensis, etc., Potentissimi Monarchæ, Magni Patroni, Magni Commendatoris, etc., ORDINIS, etc., etc., etc.

Magni Inspectores Supremi Universales in Supremo Concilio habito deliberaverunt, sanciveruntque infrâ exarata Decreta, quæ sunt perpetuæ erunt eorum CONSTITUTIONES, STATUTA et REGULÆ regendis Consistoriis, aliisque Societatibus structoriis eorumdem Magnorum Inspectorum jurisdictioni subjectis.

Ad Universi Terrarum Orbis Summi Architecti Gloriam.

CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES

OF THE

GRAND AND SUPREME COUNCILS

COMPOSED OF GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL, PATRONS, CHIEFS,
AND CONSERVATORS OF THE

ORDER OF THE 33RD

AND LAST DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT-ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE,
AND

REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF ALL CONSISTORIES,
COUNCILS, COLLEGES, CHAPTERS, AND OTHER
MASONIC BODIES UNDER THE JURIS-
DICTION OF SUCH COUNCILS.

IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY AND GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

Ordo ab Chan.

With the approval, in the presence, and with the sanction of H August Majesty Frederic (Charles) the Second, King of Prussia, Margrave of Brandenburg, etc., Most Potent Monarch, Grand Patron, Grand Commander, etc., of the ORDER, etc., etc., etc.

The Grand Supreme Universal Inspectors in Supreme Council assembled, Have determined and ordained the Decrees hereunde written, which are and for ever shall be their CONSTITUTIONS, STATUTES, and REGULATIONS for the Government of the Consistories and other Masonic Bodies, under the jurisdiction of the said Grand Inspectors.

ARTICULUS I.

CONSTITUTIONUM, Statutorum, Regularumque factorum Anno MDCCLXII per novem Delegatos à Magnis Conciliis Principum Structorum à Regio Arcano, articuli omnes qui hisce non adversantur sanctionibus, servantur, et observandi erunt; qui autem adversabuntur, abrogantur, et pro expressè sublati habentur.

ARTICULUS II.

§ I. GRADUS XXXIII, iis Structoribus qui eo legitime ornati sunt, qualitatem, titulum, privilegium, auctoritatemque tribuit Supremorum Magnorum Generalium Ordinis Inspectorum.

§ II. Eorum missionis peculiare officium est fratres docendi, et illuminandi; Caritatem, Unionem et fraternum Amorem inter eos conservandi; regularitatem in operibus cujuscumque gradûs servandi, utque ab aliis conservetur curandi; Dogmata, Doctrinas, Instituta, Constitutiones, Statuta et Regulas ORDINIS, ea præcipuè Sublimis Latomiæ, ut observantiâ colantur efficiendi, eaque in occasione quâlibet servandi et defendendi; in operibus deniquè Pacis, et Misericordiæ se ubicumquè exercendi.

§ III. Cœtus virorum ex eodem gradu, dictus *CONCILIUM TRIGESIMI TERTII* sive POTENTIUM MAGNORUM GENERALIUM INSPECTORUM ORDINIS constat, et ordinatus est prout infra.

ARTICLE I.

ALL the Articles of the Constitutions, Statutes, and Regulations made in the year MDCCLXII., by the nine Delegates from the Grand Councils of Princes Masons of the Royal Secret, which are not contrary to these present ordinances, are preserved in full force and shall be observed; but such as conflict herewith are abrogated, and to be regarded as expressly repealed.

ARTICLE II.

§ I. The 33rd Degree invests those Masons who are legitimately in possession thereof, with the character, title, privileges, and authority of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Order.

§ II. The peculiar duties entrusted to them are ;— to preserve Charity, Union, and brotherly Love among them; to maintain regularity in the work of every degree, and to take care that it is maintained by others; to see that the Dogmas, Doctrines, Institutes, Constitutions, Statutes, and Regulations of THE ORDER, and especially those of Sublime Masonry, are faithfully observed and obeyed, and on every occasion to enforce and defend them; and everywhere, in fine, to do the works of Peace and Mercy.

§ III. A body of men of that degree, styled A COUNCIL OF THE 33° or of POTENT GRAND INSPECTORS of THE ORDER, is constituted and composed as follows :—

1°. IN locis aptis Supremo hujus gradûs Concilio possidendo, illi ex Inspectoribus, qui suâ admissione antiquissimus, per hæc Decreta facultas tribuitur ad eum auctoritatis gradum alium fratrem elevandi, vadem se faciendo, quòd suis is caractere, scientiâ, gradibusque id verè promeruerit; electique sacramentum ille excipiet.

2°. Hi duo simùl eundem gradum ali viro eâdem lege tribuent.

§ IV. Ità SUPREMUM CONCILIUM constabit.

Ex cæteris autem Candidatis, nemo admittetur, nisi omnium suffragiorum puncta tulerit, iis suffragiis ab unoquoque viro vivâ voce latis, incipiendo à ferentium juniore, nempè à nuperrimè omnium adscripto.

Unius ex deliberantibus intercessio, si causa sufficiens judicabitur, Candidatum rejiciendi vim habebit. In quâlibet simili occasione hæc lex servabitur.

ARTICULUS III.

§ I. IN ejusmodi regione, ut suprâ, qui duo primi in eum gradum cooptati fuerint, primarii duo officiales SUPREMI CONCILII *proprio jure* erunt: scilicet Potentissimus Monarcha Magnus Commendator, et Illustrius Vicarius-Magnus Commendator.

§ II. Si eorum primus obeat, abdicet dignitatem, vel è loco, nunquàm rediturus, migret, ei succedet

1. IN places where a Supreme Council of this Degree may properly be established, authority is by these Decretals given to that Inspector who has been longest admitted, to elevate another Brother to the same degree and rank ; he becoming the surety of such brother, that by his character and learning, and by the degree that he possesses, he deserves such honour ; and thereupon the latter shall take the oath of office.

2. Then these two, in the same manner, jointly confer the same degree on another person.

§ IV. And thus A SUPREME COUNCIL will be established.

But of the subsequent Candidates, no one will be admitted, except by unanimous vote, each person voting *viva voce*, beginning with the junior member,—that is, the one last received.

The negative vote of one of the Inspectors, if the cause assigned therefor shall be adjudged sufficient, shall reject the Candidate. And this shall be the rule in all similar cases.

ARTICLE III.

§ I. THE two Brethren who first receive that degree, in such a place as aforesaid, shall be *of right* the two first officers of THE SUPREME COUNCIL ; to wit, the Most Potent Monarch Grand Commander, and the Most Illustrious Deputy Grand Commander.

§ II. If the former of these officers die, resign, or remove from the place, without the intention of returning, the latter shall succeed to his office, and

secundus ; isque in jàm suum officium alium MagnumInspectorem sibi subrogabit.

§ III. Si secundus Magistratus officium dimittit, diem obit, vel perpetuò absens fit, successionem in ejus officium primus Magistratus alteri ejusdem gradûs fratri destinabit.

§ IV. Potentissimus Monarcha pariter eliget Illustrem Ministrum Statûs Sancti Imperii, Illustrem Cæremoniarum Magnum Magistrum, Illustrem Custodiarum Ducem ; destinabitque eodem modo viros cæteris muneribus quæ vacua erunt, vel esse poterunt.

ARTICULUS IV.

QUISQUE Structor qui, dotibus et idoneitate quæ requiruntur, ornatus, in eum Sublimem Gradum adscribetur, solvet antea in manibus Illustrissimi Thesaurarii Sancti Imperii, dotationem *decem Fredericorum aureorum*, sive *veterum aureorum Ludovicorum*, aut quod in monetâ loci tantumdem valeat.

Quandò trigesimo gradui, vel trigesimo primo, vel trigesimo secundo aliquis fratrum initiabitur, ab eo pro quolibet gradu eadem pecuniæ summa, iisdem modo et titulo, exigetur.

SUPREMUM CONCILIUM ad hanc administrationem advigilabit, summarumque usum pro ORDINIS utilitate diriget.

ARTICULUS V.

§ I. *Supremum Concilium* quodlibet constabit ex novem Magnis-Inspectoribus-Generalibus XXXIIIⁱ

shall thereupon appoint another Grand Inspector to fill his own place thus vacated.

§ III. If such second officer resign, die, or permanently remove, the first officer shall fill the vacancy so occurring, by appointment of another Brother of the same degree.

§ IV. The Most Potent Monarch will also appoint the Illustrious Minister of State of the Holy Empire, the Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies, and the Illustrious Captain of the Guards; and fill such other offices, by appointment, as are or may become vacant.

ARTICLE IV.

EVERY Mason, who,—being found to possess the endowments and skill that are required,—shall be advanced to that sublime degree, shall first pay into the hands of the Most Illustrious Treasurer of the Holy Empire, a donation of *ten Frederics d'or*, or *ten Louis d'or of the old issue*, or what, in the local currency, shall be equivalent thereto.

Whenever any Brother is initiated into the thirtieth, thirty-first, or thirty-second degree, he shall be required to pay, for each such degree, the same sum of money in the same coin, or its equivalent.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL will administer the fund thus created, and direct its use in such manner as shall be most to the advantage of THE ORDER.

ARTICLE V.

§ I. EVERY SUPREME COUNCIL shall consist of nine Grand Inspectors General of the 33rd Degree;

gradûs, quorum saltem quatuor maximè extentam religionem profiteri debebunt.

§ II. Ubi Potentissimus Monarcha Magnus Commendator, et Locum-tenens Magnus Commendator ORDINIS adsint, tribus Membris Concilium efficitur, satisque est ad ORDINIS negotia gerenda.

§ III. In Europæ magnâ quâque Natione, unoquoque Regno aut Imperio, unicum Supremum Concilium ejusdem gradûs erit.

In Statibus et Provinciis, ex quibus, tam in Continenti terrâ quàm in Insulis, Septentrionalis America constat, duo erunt Concilia, unum ab altero tam longè sita, quàm fieri poterit.

Item in Statibus Provinciisque, seu in Continenti terrâ, seu in Insulis, Meridionalem Americam componentibus, duo quoque Concilia erunt, unum ab altero quàm fieri poterit, remotissima.

Unum tantum erit in quolibet Imperio, Statu Supremo, aut Regno, in Asiâ, in Africâ, etc., etc.

ARTICULUS VI.

SUPREMUM CONCILIUM non semper auctoritatem suam directè exercet in gradus subter XVII^m, seu *Orientis et Occidentis Equitem*. Proût conveniet, et secundùm loca potest eam demandare, idque etiam tacitè; sed suum jus impræscriptibile est; et à quâlibet Latomiâ et à Concilio quolibet Perfectorum Structorum cujuscumque gradûs fuerit, præsentibus requirunt, ut in trigesimi tertii gradûs viris, munus

four of whom, at least, must profess the religion that most generally prevails—in the particular country where it is established.

§ II. When the Most Potent Sovereign Grand Commander and the Deputy Grand Commander of THE ORDER are present, three members will constitute a Council, competent to transact the business of THE ORDER.

§ III. In each of the Great Nations of Europe, whether Kingdom or Empire, there shall be but a single Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree.

In all those States and Provinces, as well of the main-land as of the islands, whereof North America is composed, there shall be two Councils, one at as great a distance as may be from the other.

In all those States and Provinces also, whether of the main-land or the islands, whereof South America is composed, there shall be two Councils, one at as great a distance as possible from the other.

Likewise there shall be one only in each Empire, Supreme State, or Kingdom, in Asia, in Africa, &c., &c.

ARTICLE VI.

A SUPREME COUNCIL need not always exercise its authority directly, over the degrees below the 17th, or *Knight of the East and West*. When convenience and locality make it proper, it may delegate that power of government, and that even tacitly and by implication; but there can be no prescription against its right: and these presents do require of every Lodge and Council of Perfect Masons, of whatever

Magnorum Generalium ORDINIS Inspectorum agnoscant, illorum prærogativas observent, debitum honorem illis tribuant, iis obediant, deniquè ut cum fiducia postulatis omnibus obsequantur, quæ ab illis fieri poterint, pro ORDINIS commoditate, in vim ejus legum, præsentium Magnarum Constitutionum, munerumque iis Inspectoribus propriorum, sive generalium, sive specialium, temporalium etiam et personalium.

ARTICULUS VII.

OMNIA CONCILIA, Structoresque omnes in gradu suprâ XVI^m constituti, jus habent SUPREMUM CONCILIUM Supremorum Inspectorum appellandi; quod permittere poterit appellantes præstò adesse, præsentibusque audiri.

Ubi de *honore contentio* sit inter Structores, cujuscumque gradûs sint, causa directè feretur ad SUPREMUM CONCILIUM quod in primâ eâdemque ultimâ instantiâ judicabit.

ARTICULUS VIII.

MAGNUM CONSISTORIUM Principum Structorum à Regio Arcano, trigesimi secundi gradûs, virum ex proprio ordine in præsidem sibi eliget; sed, quocumque in casu, ex ejus nullum Consistorii actis vim habebit nisi præviâ sanctione SUPREMI CONCILII XXXIIIⁱ gradûs, quod, Augustæ Majestatis Rege, Potentissimo Monarchâ, Commendatore Universali ORDINIS vitâ functo, in Supremâ Structoriâ auctoritate hæres erit, ad eam exercendam in ampli-

degree, that in those who have attained the 33rd degree, they recognize their rank and office of Grand Inspectors General of THE ORDER, that they do respect their prerogatives, pay them due honour, be obedient to them, and readily comply with whatever they may require, for the good of THE ORDER, to enforce its laws, these present Grand Constitutions, and the powers that to those Inspectors appertain, whether general or special, and even temporary and personal.

ARTICLE VII.

ALL COUNCILS, and all bodies of Masons possessed of any degree above the 16th, have the right to appeal to THE SUPREME COUNCIL of Sovereign Inspectors General; which may allow the appellants to come before it, and being present to be heard.

In case of any *affair of honour* among Masons of whatever degree, the matter shall be directly brought before THE SUPREME COUNCIL, whose jurisdiction in such case shall be original, and its decision final.

ARTICLE VIII.

GRAND CONSISTORIES of Princes-Masons of the Royal Secret, of the 32nd degree, shall each elect for their President one of their own members; but in no case can any of the Decretals of any such Consistory be in force, without the previous sanction of THE SUPREME COUNCIL of the 33rd Degree; each of which Councils, upon the decease of His August Majesty the King, now the Most Potent Sovereign and Universal Commander of THE ORDER, will succeed

tudine Statûs, Regni, aut Imperii pro quo fuerit instituta.

ARTICULUS IX:

IN regione subjectâ jurisdictioni SUPREMI CONCILII Supremorum Generalium, Inspectorum, debitè constituti, *ab aliisque omnibus recogniti*, nullus Supremus Magnus Inspector Generalis, aut Delegatus-Inspector-Generalis, suâ auctoritate uti poterit, nisi ipse ab eodem SUPREMO CONCILIO recognitus approbatusque fuerit.

ARTICULUS X.

NULLUS Deputatus-Inspector-Generalis, seu jàm admissus et Diplomate insignitus, seu qui juxtâ hanc Constitutionem in posterum admittetur, poterit singulari suâ auctoritate conferre gradum *Equitis Kadosch*, seu superiorem illi, vel de eâ re Diplomata alicui, quicumque sit, concedere.

ARTICULUS XI.

GRADUS *Equitis Kadosch*, item XXXI^a et XXXII^a, non tribuentur nisi Structoribus, qui iis digni fuerint judicati, præsentibusque saltem tribus Supremis Magnis Inspectoribus Generalibus.

ARTICULUS XII.

IN eo puncto temporis quo Sanctissimo Magnoque Universi Architecto placebit ad se vocare Augustæ

to the Supreme Masonic authority, and exercise the same throughout the whole extent of the State, Kingdom, or Empire wherefor it is constituted.

ARTICLE IX.

IN a country under the jurisdiction of a SUPREME COUNCIL of Sovereign Inspectors General, which has been duly constituted, and is *recognized by all the other Councils*, no Sovereign Grand Inspector General, or Deputy Inspector General can exercise his individual powers, unless he shall have been recognized and confirmed by such SUPREME COUNCIL.

ARTICLE X.

No Deputy Inspector General, whether heretofore admitted as such and furnished with his Diploma, or whether hereafter admitted agreeably to this Constitution, can of his own individual authority confer the degree of *Knight Kadosh*, or any degree higher than that, or grant to any person whatever the Diploma of either such degree.

ARTICLE XI.

THE degree of *Knight Kadosh*, and the 31st and 32nd degrees, can only be conferred on such Masons as shall have been adjudged worthy thereof, and at a meeting of, and by, at least three Sovereign Grand Inspectors General.

ARTICLE XII.

AT whatever moment it shall please the Most Holy and Grand Architect of the Universe to take to

Majestatis Regem, Potentissimum Supremum Magnum ORDINIS Patronum, Commendatorem, Verumque Conservatorem, etc., etc., etc., unumquodque SUPREMUM CONCILIUM Supremorum Majorum Generalium Inspectorum, seu nunc debitè constitutum et recognitum, seu quod in vim horum Statutorum institutum recognitumque in posterum fuerit, fiet pleno jure legitimè præditum totâ illâ Structoriâ Auctoritate quam nunc Augusta Majestas Sua possidet; eâque auctoritate Concilium quodque utetur cùm opus fuerit et ubicumquè, in totâ amplitudine regionis suæ Jurisdictioni subjectæ; cùmque vel quoàd Diplomata, vel quoàd Auctoritatem Inspectorum Generalium Deputatorum, vel quoàd aliud, causa ad protestandum de illegalitate emerget, relatio de hoc fiet, quæ SUPREMIS CONCILIIS Universis amborum Hemisphæriorum mittetur.

ARTICULUS XIII.

§ I. SUPREMUM CONCILIUM XXXIII¹ gradûs poterit unum pluresve è suis membris Supremis Magnis Inspectoribus Generalibus ORDINIS, Legatos mittere fundatum, constitutum, firmatum Concilium ejusdem Gradûs in aliquâ regionum in hisce Statutis descriptarum; eâ legæ ut ii accuratè pareant eo quod in tertio paragrapho præcedentis Articuli secundi decretum est, aliisque Constitutionis hujus sanctionibus.

§ II. Poterit quoque eisdem Legatis facultatem tribuere emittendi Diplomata delegantia Deputatis

Himself His August Majesty the King, the Most Potent Sovereign Grand Patron, Commander and True Defender of THE ORDER, &c., &c., &c., each SUPREME COUNCIL of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, whether now duly constituted and recognized, or which may hereafter, by virtue of these Statutes, be constituted and recognized, will, of full right, become possessed of the entirety of that Masonic authority wherewith His August Majesty is now invested; and each may thenceforward exercise that authority, whenever necessary, and everywhere soever, throughout the whole extent of country under its jurisdiction; and whenever there may be occasion for protest, or grounds of illegality, in regard to Diplomas, or to the authority of Deputy Inspectors General, or to any other matter or thing, let a statement thereof be drawn up, and transmitted to all the SUPREME COUNCILS of both Hemispheres.

ARTICLE XIII.

§ I. EACH SUPREME COUNCIL of the 33rd Degree may delegate one or more of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of THE ORDER, its members, to found, constitute, and establish a Council of the same degree, in any of the Countries mentioned in the Statutes; those Deputies punctually obeying the law contained in the third paragraph of the preceding article second, and the other provisions of this Constitution.

§ II. Each such Supreme Council may also authorize such Deputies to grant Diplomas, delegating to

Inspectoribus-Generalibus—saltem gradibus omnibus Equitis Kadosch regulariter insignitis, — partem plenarum facultatum, ut possint statuere, dirigere, et observare Latomias, et Concilia gradu à IV^o ad XXIX^m inclusivè, *in locis ubi non erunt Sublimis Gradus* Latomiæ vel Concilia legitimè instituta.

§ III. Rituale manuscriptum Sublimium Graduum nemini alii tradetur quàm duobus primis cujusque Concilii Officialibus, vel fratri qui in aliquam regionem mittetur ut eorundem Concilium ibi instituat.

ARTICULUS XIV.

IN quâlibet Sublimium Graduum cæremoniâ structoriâ, et solemnî virorum in iis gradibus constitutorum processu, SUPREMUM CONCILIUM cæteros sequetur, omniumque membrorum ultimi erunt primarii duo Magistratus; hosque Magnum Vexillum, et Gladius ORDINIS immediatè præcedent.

ARTICULUS XV.

§ I. SUPREMUM CONCILIUM regulariter haberi debet per triduum quo tertium quodque novilunium incipit; frequentius convocabitur, si id negotia ORDINIS postulent eorumque transactio urgeat.

§ II. Ultrâ magnos solemnesque festos ORDINIS dies, SUPREMUM CONCILIUM quoque anno sibi peculiare tres sacros habebit; nempe Calendas

Deputy Inspectors General,—who must regularly have received all the degrees, at least, of which a Knight Kadosh should be possessed — so much, of their plenary powers, as may enable them to establish, regulate, and superintend Lodges and Councils in any of the Degrees, from the 4th to the 29th inclusive, *in places where there are no Lodges or Councils of the Sublime Degree*, legally constituted.

§ III. The manuscript Ritual of the Sublime Degrees shall be entrusted only to the two highest Officers of each Council, or to a Brother commissioned to establish elsewhere a Council of those Degrees.

ARTICLE XIV.

IN every Masonic Ceremony of the Sublime Degrees, and every solemn procession of those invested with such degrees, THE SUPREME COUNCIL is in the rear, and the two highest Officers in the rear of all the Members; with the great Banner and the Sword of THE ORDER immediately preceding them.

ARTICLE XV.

§ I. A SUPREME COUNCIL should regularly be held during the three days wherewith each third new moon commences: and will be more frequently convened, if the business of THE ORDER, to be transacted, require it.

§ II. In addition to the great and solemn feast-days of THE ORDER, each SUPREME COUNCIL will have three sacred days in every year, peculiar to

Octobris, vigesimum septimum Decembris, Calendasque Majas.

ARTICULUS XVI.

§ I. SUPREBUS quisque Inspector-Magnus-Generalis ut agnoscatur, privilegiisque XXXIII^o gradui annexis frui possit, præditus erit Patentibus et Credentialibus Litteris emissis ad normam præscripti in ejusdem gradûs Rituali ; quæ Litteræ ipsi tradentur eâ conditione ut solvat Thesauro Sancti Imperii pretium quod SUPREBUM CONCILIUM unumquodque pro suâ jurisdictione, ubi primùm institutum fuerit, taxabit. Solvet item is Magnus-Supremus-Inspector-Generalis Illustri Viro ab epistolis, in præmium laboris pro expeditione Litterarum et appositionis Sigilli, unum Fredericum, sive veterem Ludovicum, vel id pecuniæ, quod in monetâ loci tantumdem valeat.

§ II. Quilibet Magnus Inspector Generalis habebit insuper suorum actorum codicem, cujus quæque pagina numero distincta sit ; prima insuper atque ultima speciali adnotatione tales esse designabuntur. In eo codice inscribi debebunt Magnæ Constitutiones, Statuta et Generales Regulæ Sublimis Structoriæ Artis.

Inspector ipse tenebitur ad ordinatè describendum in eo omnia sua acta, sub pœnâ nullitatis atque etiam interdictionis.

Deputati Inspectores Generales ad id, sub pœnis iisdem, tenentur.

§ III. Ipsi sibi mutuò ostendent Codices et Diplo-

itself,—the 1st of October, the 27th of December, and the 1st of May.

ARTICLE XVI.

§ I. THAT each Sovereign Grand Inspector General may be recognized, and be enabled to enjoy the privileges attached to the 33rd Degree, he shall be furnished with Patents and Letters of Credence, issued in the form prescribed in the Ritual of that Degree: which Letters will be given him, on his paying into the Treasury of the Holy Empire, such sum as each SUPREME COUNCIL may fix for its jurisdiction, immediately after its establishment. Such Sovereign Grand Inspector General will also pay to the Illustrious Secretary, as his fee for expediting the Letters and affixing the Seal, a Frédéric d'or or a Louis d'or of the old issue, or so much in the currency of the place as may be equivalent thereto.

§ II. Every Grand Inspector General will moreover keep a Register of all his acts, each page whereof will be separately and regularly numbered, and the first and last pages be specially designated as such. In this Register must be copied the Grand Constitutions, Statutes, and General Regulations of the Sublime Art of Masonry.

Each Inspector must enter in his Register everything done by him, in its regular order, on pain of nullity and even of interdict.

Deputy Inspectors General are bound to do the same, under the same penalty.

§ III. They will mutually exhibit to each other

mata, in iisque mutuò adnotabunt loca ubi unus alteri occurrerit et se invicem recognoverint.

ARTICULUS XVII.

MAJORI suffragiorum numero est opus ad tribuendam legalem auctoritatem actis Supremorum Majorum Generalium Inspectorum, in eo loco ubi extat SUPREMUM CONCILIUM XXXIII¹ gradûs *legitimè institutum et recognitum*. Quapropter, in eâ regione, vel eo territorio quod ab ejusmodi Concilio dependeat, NEMO eorum Inspectorum suâ auctoritate singulariter uti poterit, nisi in casu quo ab eodem SUPREMO CONCILIO facultatem impetraverit, vel, si Inspector ad aliam jurisdictionem pertineat, non obtinuerit admissionem eo rescripto, quod à formulâ EXEQUATUR nomen habet.

ARTICULUS XVIII.

SUMMÆ omnes ad expensas subeundas receptæ—*tributa nempè pro admissione*—quæ titulo initiationis gradibus suprâ XVI^m ad XXXIII^m inclusum, exiguntur, mittentur in thesaurum Sancti Imperii, curantibus Præsidibus et Thesaurariis Conciliorum, Sublimiumque Latomiarum eorundem graduum, Supremis Magnis Inspectoribus Generalibus, eorumque Deputatis, nec non Illustri Viro à Secretis, Illustrique Thesaurario Sancti Imperii.

Earum summarum administratio et usus dirigentur et observabuntur à SUPREMO CONCILIO; quod efficiet

their Registers and Patents, and note in their respective Registers the place where one meets the other, and where they recognize each other.

ARTICLE XVII.

It requires a majority of votes to invest with legal authority the acts of individual Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, done in a jurisdiction where there exists a SUPREME COUNCIL of the 33rd Degree, *duly constituted and recognized*. Wherefore, in whatever region or territory is of the dependencies of such a Council, no such Inspector can individually exercise any power, unless he has first obtained authority from such SUPREME COUNCIL; or, if he belong to another jurisdiction, until he has been empowered by that authorization, which from its phraseology is termed an EXEQUATUR.

ARTICLE XVIII.

ALL moneys received as revenue—to wit, *the fees for conferring the degrees*—and which are demandable for such degrees from the 16th to the 33rd inclusive, shall be deposited in the Treasury of the Holy Empire, in the custody and care of the Presiding Officers and Treasurers of the Councils and Sublime Lodges of those Degrees, and of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and their Deputies, the Illustrious Secretary and the Illustrious Treasurer of the Holy Empire.

The disbursement and expenditure of such moneys are to be directed and controlled by THE SUPREME

ut quoque anno rationes fideliter absolutèque ei reddantur; hasque communicari curabit Societatibus omnibus ab eo dependentibus.

DELIBERATUM, ACTUM, SANCITUM in MAGNO ET SUPREMO CONCILIO XXXIII¹ Gradûs debitè instituto, iudicto, atque habito cum probatione et præsentia Augustissimæ MAJESTATIS, FREDERICI, nomine secundi, Deo favente, Regis Borussiae, Margravii Brandenburgi, etc., etc., etc., Potentissimi Monarchæ, Magni Patroni, Magni Commendatoris, Magni Magistri Universalis Verique Conservatoris ORDINIS.

Calendis Maji A. L. ICCDCCLXXXVI et à Christo nato MDCCLXXXVI.

(Subscriptum) “..... (*)” — “STARK.” — “..... (*)” — “..... (*)” — “H. WILLELM.” — “D’ESTERNO.” — “..... (*)” — “WÆLLNER.”

APPROBATUM datumque in nostrâ Regali Residentiâ Berolini, Calendis Maji, Anno Gratiae MDCCLXXXVI, Nostrique Regni XLVII.

L. S. Subscriptum, FREDERICUS.

(*) *Vide notum in fine.*

COUNCIL; which will see to it that full and correct accounts thereof are rendered in each year; and those accounts it will cause to be communicated to all its subordinate Bodies.

SETTLED, DONE, AND RATIFIED, in GRAND AND SUPREME COUNCIL of the 33rd Degree, duly constituted, convoked, and held; present and approving His August MAJESTY FREDERIC the Second, by the grace of God, King of Prussia, Margrave of Brandenburg, &c., &c., &c., most potent Sovereign, Grand Patron, Grand Commander, Universal Grand Master, and True Defender, of THE ORDER.

The first day of May, A.: L.: 5786, and C.: E.: 1786.

(Signed) “ (*) ” — “ STARK. ” —
 “ (*) ” — “ (*) ” —
 “ H. WILLELM. ” — “ D’ESTERNO. ” — “ (*) ” — “ WÆLLNER. ”

APPROVED and done at our Royal Residence in Berlin, the first day of May, in the year of Grace 1786, and of our Reign the 47th.

(L.: S.:) Signed, FREDERIC.

* See the note at the conclusion.

Appendix.

APPENDIX

AD

STATUTA FUNDAMENTALIA MAGNASQUE CON-
STITUTIONES SUPREMI CONCILII
TRIGESIMI TERTII GRADUS.

ARTICULUS I.

VEXILLUM ORDINIS est argenteum* circumdatum aureâ fimbriâ, habens in medio bicipitem Aquilam nigram, alas tenentem extensas, habentem aureum rostrum, aurea crura, dstringentemque altero pede aureum capulum, altero ferrum antiqui gladii juxtâ horizontis directionem jacentis et è dextrâ in sinistram versi; ab hoc gladio pendet latina inscriptio, "DEUS MEUMQUE JUS," aureis litteris effecta. Aquila pro coronâ aureum triangulum, tæniâ habet purpuream cum aureâ fimbriâ, aureisque astris.

ARTICULUS II.

INSIGNIA distinguuntia Supremos-Magnos-Inspectores-Generales sunt :

1° Crux Teutonica rubri coloris, sinistro pectoris lateri affixa ;

2° Major funiculus albus, superficie undulatè micante, auro intextus, gerens in anteriori parte aureum triangulum aureis radiis micans, quod habet in centro notam XXXIII, atque hinc unum argen-

* *Album.*

APPENDIX

TO
THE FUNDAMENTAL STATUTES AND GRAND CON-
STITUTIONS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL
OF THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE.

ARTICLE I.

THE Banner of THE ORDER is *argent*,* bordered with a fringe of gold, and having in the centre a double-headed black Eagle, its wings displayed, beaks and legs *or*, holding with one claw the hilt, *or*, and with the other the blade, *steel*, of a sword placed horizontally, hilt to the right and point to the left. From the sword hangs, lettered, *or*, the motto, in Latin, "DEUS MEUMQUE JUS." The Eagle is crowned with a Triangle of gold, and a purple fillet, fringed and starred with gold.

ARTICLE II.

THE distinctive insignia of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General are :

1. A red Teutonic Cross, worn over the left breast.

2. A broad white watered Ribbon, bordered with gold, and having on the front a golden Triangle, glittering with rays of gold, in the centre whereof is the number 33 ; and on each side of the upper angle

* White.

teum gladium, indè alterum, ex superioribus lateribus trianguli versùs centrum directos. Funiculus hic è dextro humero ad lævum progrediens, terminatur acumine cum aureâ fimbriâ, et habente in medio tæniâ coccinei sinopisque* coloris, in rotundam formam versam, tenentemque communia insignia ORDINIS.

3° Insignia hæc sunt: Aquila similis illi quæ in Vexillo est ; coronatur Aquila aureo Borussia Diadematè.

4° Majora insignia ORDINIS affiguntur suprâ Crucem Teutonicam ; suntque astrum novem habens acumina, utpotè effectum tribus aureis triangulis, unum alteri superimpositis et simul intextis. Ex inferiori parte sinistri lateris versùs superiorem dextri gladius procedit ; in oppositâ directione est manus quæ *Justitiæ* vocatur. In medio, Scutum ORDINIS, cyaneum, et in eo Aquila similis illi quæ in Vexillo est, habensque in dextro latere auream libram, et in sinistro aureum circinum, aureæ normæ intextum. Circà totum Scutum percurrit fascia cyanea cum aureâ inscriptione latinâ "ORDO AB CHAO:" quæ fascia hinc indè comprehenditur duobus circulis effectis ex duobus aureis anguibus unoquoque caudam sibi mordente. Ex minoribus triangulis ab intersectione majorum genitis, ea novem quæ fasciæ propinquiora sunt, rubrum colorem habent, et eorum unumquodque gerit unam ex litteris quæ verbum S.A.P.I.E.N.T.I.A. efficiunt.

* Gallicè et anglicè "Sinople," id est, Præsini coloris.

of the Triangle is a sword of silver pointing towards its centre. This Ribbon, worn from the right shoulder to the left, ends in a point, with gold fringe, and has at the junction a rosette of crimson and leek-green ribbon, whereon is the general jewel of THE ORDER.

3. This jewel is an Eagle, like that on the Banner, wearing the golden diadem of Prussia.

4. The Grand Decorations of THE ORDER rest on a Teutonic Cross. They are a nine-pointed Star, formed by three Triangles of gold, one upon the other, and interlaced. From the lower part of the left side towards the upper part of the right extends a Sword, and in the opposite direction a hand of *Justice*. In the middle is the Shield of THE ORDER, *azure*; upon the Shield is an Eagle like that on the Banner; on the dexter side of the Shield is a golden Balance, and on the sinister a golden Compass resting on a golden Square. Around the whole shield runs a stripe of azure, lettered in gold with the Latin words "ORDO AB CHAO;" and this stripe is enclosed by a double circle, formed by two Serpents of gold, each holding his tail in his mouth. Of the smaller triangles formed by the intersection of the principal ones, those nine that are nearest the azure stripe are coloured red, and on each is one of the letters that constitute the word S.A.P.I.E.N.T.I.A.

5° Tres primi Officiales Supremi Concilii gerunt insuper, album balteum—hoc est fasciam—auream fimbriam habentem, et à dextro latere dependentem.

ARTICULUS III.

MAGNUM SIGILLUM ORDINIS est Scutum argenteum gerens Aquilam bicipitem similem illi quæ in Vexillo ORDINIS est, coronatam quidem aureo Borussiae diademate, super quod est aureum triangulum radians, habens in medio notam XXXIII; etiam potest Aquila aut coronam aut triangulum tantum super se habere.

In inferiori Scuti parte, sub alis pedibusque Aquilæ sunt aureæ triginta tres Stellæ in semicirculum dispositæ. Totum circumdatum est inscriptione: “ SUPREMUM CONCILIUM XXXIII¹ GRADUS IN . . . ”

ACTUM in SUPREMO CONCILIO XXXIII¹ Gradûs, die, mense, annoque ut suprâ.

(Subscriptum) “ (*) ” — “ STARK.” — “ D’ESTERNO.” — “ (*) ” — “ H. WILHELM.” — “ D ” — “ WOELLNER.”

APPROBATUM.

L. S. Subscriptum, “ FREDERICUS.”

5. The first three Officers of the Supreme Council wear also a white scarf or sash, fringed with gold, hanging from the right side.

ARTICLE III.

THE GREAT SEAL of THE ORDER is a silver Shield, bearing a double-headed Eagle, like that upon the Banner of THE ORDER, but crowned with the golden diadem of Prussia, and over that a Triangle of gold, emitting rays, and in its centre the number 33. The Eagle may, however, be surmounted by either the crown or triangle alone.

At the base of the Shield, under the wings and claws of the Eagle, are 33 golden stars in a semi-circle. Around the whole is this inscription: "SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33RD DEGREE FOR . . ."

DONE in SUPREME COUNCIL of the 33rd Degree, the day, month, and year above mentioned.

(Signed) " (*) "—" STARK."—" D'ESTERNO."—" (*) "—" H. WILLELM."—" D "—" W. WELLNER."

APPROVED.

(L.S.) Signed, " FREDERIC."

NOTE.

(*) The *asterisks* (at pages 39 and 47 English, and pages 38 and 46 Latin) mark the places of certain signatures that have become illegible or been effaced by attrition, or by the effect of sea-water, to which the original duplicate of these documents, written on parchment, has several times been accidentally exposed.







